

THE PASSING OF JAY B. WHITE,  
"AMERICA'S FINEST LAWYER"

### HON. LOUIS STOKES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 1997*

Mr. STOKES. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I announce the passing of Attorney Jay B. White. Jay was a lifelong friend and a giant in the legal profession. Cleveland, OH, mourns the loss of one of her most distinguished sons, and a man who was one of the Nation's finest criminal defense lawyers. My wife, Jay, joins me in expressing our deepest sympathy to Jay's loving wife, Addye, and members of his family.

A few days ago, on June 13, 1997, the Cleveland Bar Association honored Jay for 50 years as a practicing lawyer, an honor representing a very special milestone in his legal career. Jay and I were boyhood friends and I always knew that he would achieve great things. As a young man, he knew the value of perseverance and hard work.

Jay was born in Cleveland and graduated from West Virginia State College. He earned his law degree from Western Reserve University Law School in 1946. After graduating, Jay began his law practice in Cleveland. At a time when law firms were not opening their doors to hire black lawyers, Jay was more determined than ever to succeed. He concentrated on representing persons charged with crimes and became an outstanding trial lawyer. It was in this capacity that he became one of the founders of the National Association of Defense Lawyers in Criminal Cases, which was founded in 1958 at Northwestern University Law School. He also served on its board for many years. Jay was a past president of the John Harlan Law Club and a member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity.

Mr. Speaker, saying goodbye to those whom we hold dear is difficult. In the days ahead, I will miss my good friend, Jay White. Not only did we share a special friendship, but we also enjoyed a special bond through our marriages. It was Jay White who introduced me to my wife, Jay. In turn, she introduced Jay to Addye, his devoted wife of 33 years. Jay's love of people garnered a host of friends and admirers all over the Nation who loved him and mourn the loss of their friend.

I am proud to have been a lifelong friend of Attorney Jay B. White. Our thoughts and prayers are with Addye, their son, Jay B., daughter, Joy, Jay's brother, Reggie, and members of the White family during this difficult period. Jay was a very special individual who, with his unique personality, carved out his own niche in this community. He was unlike anyone else I have ever known. Jay will always be remembered in his own famous words, as "America's finest lawyer."

CLINTON MEMORIAL AME ZION  
CHURCH ROOF DEDICATION  
CEREMONY

### HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 1997*

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, this past Sunday witnessed the dedication of a new roof for the

Clinton Memorial AME Zion Church at 151 Broadway in Newark, NJ. This accomplishment is truly significant to this particular house of worship. For many years the Clinton Memorial AME Zion Church had no stable church home. The early history of the church was marked by ups and downs and much movement from one location to another. The church was founded in 1822, the same year that free Black men went to Liberia to found Monrovia. This is just one example of the type of vision and moral and social commitment that has permeated the leadership and membership of this church throughout its existence.

While the church was founded in 1822 it did not find its present home until 1930 when Rev. J.M. Hoggard was pastor. Reverend Hoggard was a resident of my childhood neighborhood. He had a great impact on our community and many of its people.

I was fortunate to be affiliated with this church when I was a young man. It was one of the most progressive institutions around. It had the foresight to provide the youth with activities such as socials and sports in a setting that was moralistically sound. While the youngsters were being kept occupied and happy they learned the importance of morals, faith and religion. I think my participation in these programs helped shape my concepts of the youth programs I would run for the YMCA when I became an adult.

Mr. Speaker, I am sure my colleagues would have wanted to join me as I extended my congratulations and best wishes to the congregants of the Clinton Memorial AME Zion Church of Newark, NJ.

### TRIBUTE TO IRA KLEIN

### HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 1997*

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ira Klein, a young man who has demonstrated outstanding scholastic achievement. Ira is in Washington representing the State of California in the National History Day competition and I would like to congratulate this remarkable eighth-grader on his award-winning report.

The theme of this year's National History Day competition was "Triumph and Tragedy in History" and Ira's exemplary paper focused on the impact of the polio epidemic in America. What makes his report, entitled "Polio: Triumph and Tragedy," truly exceptional is that it focused on the individual victims of this dreaded disease, giving a voice to those countless persons who were afflicted by polio. Furthermore, Ira also brought to light the effect of Post-Polio Syndrome which continues to affect the victims of this disease even 40 years after its initial onset. The interest in this subject was inspired by Ira's uncle's own battle with polio and Ira transformed this personal connection with the ravages of polio into a truly insightful piece of history.

In successfully completing such an ambitious project, Ira demonstrated a level of academic achievement that far exceeds his age. I would like to commend Ira Klein for his exceptional academic accomplishment.

BROOKLYN ELEMENTARY STUDENTS: THE CREATIVE THINKERS

### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 1997*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to have given special recognition and honor to the children of class 4-304 of New York City Public School 208 at 4801 Avenue D in Brooklyn on May 30, 1997.

I am delighted to have presented to the children of class 4-304 official Congressional Triumph Certificates for their magnificent drawings, poems and short stories on immigration. The following children interviewed their parents and represented their cultures through their art; bringing to life the special aspects of their homes:

Efuru Ballantyne; Richina Bicette; Laurae Caruth; Trevor Cayenne; Daniella Marie Clarke; Harrah Creary; Crystal Crossman; Valerie Delice; Kentasha Dickson; Dana Dooley; Ajani Edwards; Adonna Ferrell; Shariel Goldson; Zanita Green; Martin Gustave; Brandon Haynes; Colleen Hinkson; Shawn Hobbs; Alex James; Jodel Jeremie; Lauren Jones; Casey Gabriella Jones; Virginia Lowe; Makeda Marshall; Terrill Ocona; Torin Perez; Ricardo Soares; and Samantha Ward.

These students' creative expressions detailed how immigration laws affect their families, specifically because they come from all parts of the world: Haiti, Africa, Japan, Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, Barbados, Trinidad and Tobago, Jamaica, St. Lucia, Grenada, St. Vincent, and Guyana. The teacher of this brilliant class is Ms. Sandra Cinkay. I commend Ms. Cinkay for her tutorage.

### TRIBUTE TO RABBI MORTON HOFFMAN

### HON. DEBBIE STABENOW

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 17, 1997*

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. Speaker, I wish to pay tribute to Rabbi Morton Hoffman upon his retirement from Temple Shaaraey Zedek. Rabbi Hoffman has served the people of East Lansing and the congregation of Temple Shaaraey Zedek since 1983. As a rabbi, he has served God and the families of East Lansing through his leadership in his temple, his knowledge of religion and history, and his commitment to his community and family.

Along with his duties as rabbi, Rabbi Hoffman has served as education director for Temple Shaaraey Zedek's religious schools, and has served on the Governor's Committee for the Establishment of the Annual Martin Luther King Day of Observance and the Governor's Committee for the Annual State Observance of the Holocaust Memorial Day. He is a member of the East Lansing Clergy Coalition and, in May 1990, earned the doctor of Hebrew letter degree from the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

Rabbi Morton Hoffman's commitment to his community is unparalleled and his leadership will be missed.

I speak for all the people of the eighth district in thanking him for his service. I wish Rabbi Hoffman mazel tov in the future.